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(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madras moved the Government of India in the Ministry of Defence for allotment of a portion of Island Ground for the construction of International Students Hostel?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, are the Government aware that Shri K. Raghuramiah, Minister of State in the Union stated so and is it the Madras Government that moved the Government of India for allotment of a portion of the Island Ground ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I have answered " No ", to question (*b*).

Dilapidated houses

* 253 *Q.*—SRI R. VENKATACHALAM (on behalf of SRI A. K. Thangavel Mudaliar) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to take over the dilapidated houses of those persons who have migrated from rural parts and to construct houses in those sites for the houseless agriculturists; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Panchayat elections

* 254 *Q.*—SRI R. VENKATACHALAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to postpone the Panchayat elections in the State ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and when the Government propose to conduct the Panchayat elections ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) & (*b*) It has since been decided to postpone the elections to all local bodies.

District Headquarters Hospitals

* 255 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of District Headquarters Hospitals that are having ambulance vans; and

(*b*) the number of vans used by each such hospital ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Six.

(*b*) One.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, how many hospitals are there without the ambulance vans, and why have the Government not supplied vans when the hospitals have requested for their supply?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENKATACHALLUM: Sri, only in respect of six district headquarters hospitals the supply has been made and there is a proposal before the Government to provide vans for the others.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, may I know why there is delay in sanctioning vans to the respective hospitals?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM. There is no delay, Sir. It is difficul to get vans due to financial exigencies.

L.M.Ps.

*256 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have provincialised all L.M.Ps. who were working under the District Boards; and

(b) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) & (b) It is presumed that the Member is referring to the absorption in Government service of L.M.Ps. who were working in District Board Medical Institutions. The District Board hospitals together with the L.M.Ps., if any, working in them were taken over by the Government while District Board dispensaries with the L.M.Ps, if any, working in them were taken over by the Panchayat Union Councils.

Eviction from an allotted building

*257 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received about the action taken by the Collector of Salem for forcible eviction of a Government Department from an allotted building; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Honorary Medical Officer

*258 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 194 on 1st August 1962——

(a) whether the Government made any rule in 1954 that a Member of the Legislature must not be appointed as an Honorary Medical Officer: